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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04262002+ 02182002.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Reference to the claims from the written description appears improper (for example, page 1, line 20 as numbered). The written description should not look to the claims to define the invention.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Green et al (U.S patent 3,958,295).

The patent to Green discloses the invention as is claimed. Note figure 2 which shows the wiper blade (20) in cross section. Such blade has constriction grooves to define an intermediary strip (19). As can be seen in figure 2, the lateral defining surfaces of constriction grooves leading to the strip (19) both have a spherical course. Also, Green discloses a support element (16) which has a connection device (13) thereon for a wiper arm (10). The support element has two band-like strips (shown but not numbered) which engage in the constriction grooves. Note that the width of the constriction grooves is greater than the thickness of the spring strips.

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rosen (U.S patent 3,636,583).

The patent to Rosen discloses the invention as is claimed. Note rubber wiper blade (11) with closed conduit (24) therein for placement against window (25). Said conduit is closed by plugs (23). The blade has two diverging grooves (19) therein for receiving separate band-like strips (20). Note that the width of the constriction grooves is greater than the thickness of the spring strips (fig. 2). Note crosspieces (21).

Claims 1, 7-13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rickett (GB patent 1,222,648).

The patent to Rickett discloses the invention as is claimed. Note rubber wiper blade (10) for placement against windows. The blade has two grooves (22,24) therein for receiving separate band-like strips (32,34). Note that the width of the constriction grooves is greater than the thickness of the spring strips (fig. 1). Note that the spring strips extend longer than the wiper blade. Note crosspieces (33) at opposite ends of the blade which engage an upper surface of the spring strips.

Claims 1, 7-10, 13, 14, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krohm (US patent 3,084,372).

The patent to Krohm discloses the invention as is claimed (figs. 1,2). Note rubber wiper blade (2) for placement against windows. The blade has two grooves (11) therein for receiving separate band-like strips (12). Note that the width of the constriction grooves is greater than the thickness of the spring strips (fig. 2) Note crosspieces (6,7) at opposite ends of the blade, each having a middle section which extends spaced a distance apart from the upper band surface.

With respect to claim 14, note that the yoke (3) is coupled to the strips (12) in a middle region of the spring strips and such yokes are embodied as part of a connecting device for coupling with a wiper arm.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Warden can be reached on 571-272-1281. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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